

LOCAL London Spartan League club Chalfont St Peter are determined to give a good account of themselves when they take on Wycombe Wanderers at the Playing Fields in the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup, second round tomorrow (Saturday).

Chalfont remember only too well the last time the two clubs met in the Senior Cup. Saints had got through to the quarter-final when they came up against the Blues and were soundly hammered to the tune of 9-0. Chalfont will point to an early injury to full back Charlie Hopkins, but the gap in class was plain to see.

It was Wanderers' largest win for three years and five goals in an 11 minute spell devastated

Chalfont. Larry Pritchard led the goal scorers with a hat-trick while Derek Gamblin, Ian Rundle, Tony Horseman, John Delaney, Rob Williams and Tony Amos also found the net.

Four of the Wycombe team are still with the club (Horseman, Delaney, Maskell, and Bullock) while Chalfont's Ken Woolnough and Graham King remain from the Saints' side.

Chalfont, however, are not unduly worried about that 9-0 result which was, after all, almost three years ago. And there's not much doubt they now have a much improved side.

After several seasons in the Spartan League doldrums, Saints have made giant strides this year in the newly formed London Spartan League and are well out ahead at the top of Division Two with 14 victories from 16 games. Only six goals have been conceded.

Chalfont's only defeat this

season came in the F.A. Vase when they crashed 4-0 at Barton Rovers.

Manager Keith Moulton brought several new players with him this season and under his leadership, the club has improved considerably. One of his players, striker Gary Harthill had a trial for Slough Town recently, scoring in a friendly against Windsor. He may join the Rebels next season.

But even with that excellent league record behind them, the gap in class will be difficult to bridge as secretary Dave Putman knows full well. "Obviously we've got no chance on paper as Wycombe are four or five leagues higher than ourselves. But it's a nice Christmas present for us and we are catering for a crowd of 1,000. That would be marvellous when you consider our best gate this season was 130."

Manager Moulton is looking forward to the tie. "We always

produce our best football against sides who allow us to play and we won't be altering our attacking style. This is a bonus match for the club but I am more concerned with winning the league this season."

For Wanderers this game comes only seven days after walking out at Ninian Park, Cardiff and holding the Third Division side to 1-0 in front of nearly 12,000 people. There is bound to be some sort of hangover tomorrow but even so, they should overcome Chalfont's enthusiasm.

They did a comfortable demolition job on Buckingham Town in the last round fielding several of their squad members. The team is likely to be below full strength tomorrow and Peter Spittle, Derek Cotterell, Derek Harris and others can all expect a game.

As Chalfont do not have floodlights, the match kicks off at the earlier time of 2 p.m.